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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-captioned case as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, the line following the Title please insert:

---Cross-Reference to Related Application

This is a continuation of international application PCT/JP99/05305, filed September 29, 1999, which designated the U.S.---

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